

- 4 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition,
 5 wherein the condition is an error related measurement.

[Replacement Claim 43:]

- 1 43. A method as recited in claim 42, wherein the condition is an error related
 2 measurement related to a signal from a wireless transceiver.

[Replacement Claim 44:]

- 1 44. A method as recited in claim 43, wherein the wireless transceiver is part of a base
 2 unit associated with the handset.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-7, 23, 24 and 29-45 are pending in the application. By way of the instant amendment, claims 24, 29, 30, 32 and 38 are canceled. Thus, claims 1, 5-7, 23, 31, 33-37 and 39-45 stand for further examination.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that all of the remaining claims contain allowable subject matter. In particular, claims 1 and 5-7 are allowed. Further, claims 23, 24, 31 and 33-45 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 23, 31, 33, 34 and 42 are herein rewritten in independent form, with claims 35-37, 39-41 and 43-45 depending therefrom.

Claims 24 and 38 are herein canceled to address a double patenting objection with respect to claims 42 and 23 respectively.

An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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**COMPUTER RED-LINED VERSION****Amendment for Office Action dated March 31, 2003****IN THE CLAIMS****Replace claims 23, 31, 33-35, 39, 42-44****Replacement Claim 23:**

- 1 23. A method ~~as recited in claim 29~~, of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone
2 handset, comprising the steps of:
3 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and
4 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition,
5 wherein the sensed condition is a signal delay measurement.

Replacement Claim 31:

- 1 31. A method ~~as recited in claim 30~~, of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone
2 handset, comprising the steps of:
3 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and
4 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition,
5 wherein the location is sensed relative to a corresponding base unit.

Replacement Claim 33:

- 1 33. A method ~~as recited in claim 29~~ of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone
2 handset, comprising the steps of:
3 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and
4 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition,
5 wherein the characteristic is one of duration, volume and tonal quality.

Replacement Claim 34:

- 1 34. A method ~~as recited in claim 29~~, of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone
2 handset, comprising the steps of:
3 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and

- 4 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition,
5 wherein the condition is a received signal strength indication.

Replacement Claim 35:

- 1 35. A method as recited in claim ~~32~~34, wherein the condition is a received signal
2 strength indication related to a signal from the wireless transceiver.

Replacement Claim 39:

- 1 39. A method as recited in claim ~~32~~23, wherein the condition is a signal delay
2 measurement related to a signal from ~~the~~a wireless transceiver.

Replacement Claim 42:

- 1 42. A method ~~as recited in claim 29,~~ of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone
2 handset, comprising the steps of:
3 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and
4 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition,
5 wherein the condition is an error related measurement.

Replacement Claim 43:

- 1 43. A method as recited in claim ~~32~~42, wherein the condition is an error related
2 measurement related to a signal from ~~the~~a wireless transceiver.

Replacement Claim 44:

- 1 44. A method as recited in claim ~~42~~43, wherein the wireless transceiver is part of a
2 base unit associated with the handset.